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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
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